

U.S. Embassy Paris, France
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstration in Paris
September 1, 2015

The U.S. Embassy in Paris informs U.S. citizens that a leading French farmers union has stated its intention to deploy 1,000 tractors to Paris to protest low agricultural prices. The tractors, many of which are already en route, are expected to arrive in Paris on September 3, 2015. Authorities indicate traffic in and around the city may be disrupted, with major arteries blockaded by the action. Media report a separate group may attempt to block rail traffic to and around Paris.

The Embassy reminds U.S. citizens that demonstrations and large events intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. Avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Large public gatherings can affect all major incoming arteries to the city in which they occur. Demonstrations in one city have the potential to lead to additional public rallies or demonstrations in other locations around the city and country.

We strongly encourage U.S. citizens to maintain a high level of vigilance, be aware of local events, and take the appropriate steps to bolster their personal security. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to access local media to stay abreast of developments, avoid demonstrations, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For further information:

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- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in France, located at 4, Avenue Gabriel, Paris, +33 (1) 43 12 22 22, 9:00am – 6:00pm Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +33 (1) 43 12 22 22.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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